

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

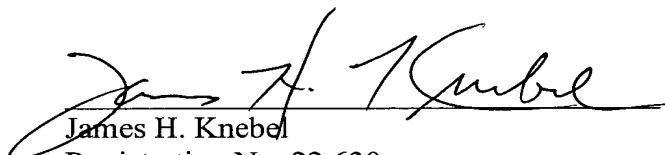
Claims 1-9 are in the case.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to improve readability and to place the application in a better format for examination.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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